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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (USER MANUAL)

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KG209 Operating Instructions

KG209 radios employ sophisticated technology and microprocessor control to make changing the radio's characteristics fast and easy. Any computer-equipped dealer or service shop with the necessary Software and Programming Manual can easily program your radio to your specific operating requirements.

Radio Features

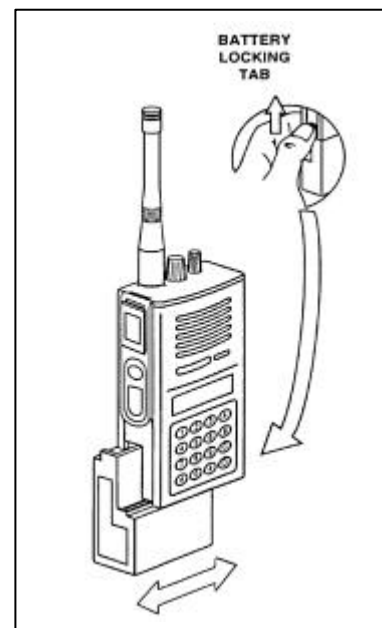
- Simplex or semi-duplex operation
- High performance specifications
- Wide non-tuning bandwidth
- Wide-band/Narrow band by channel
- PC field-programmable features
- Emergency alert (man-down)
- Keypad selection of channel
- Up to 200 channel frequencies, or
- Up to 100 channel frequencies with 8-digit alphanumeric "Channel Name" feature
- Kill Feature (disable from another radio)
- ANI, Unit ID in either 5-Tone and DTMF formats
- CTCSS, DCS by channel
- DTMF and 5-Tone select-call encoder / decoder, user selectable
- Caller ID
- Call forwarding
- Voice Scrambling
- Single-tone encoder
- Transmit high / low power, keypad selectable or assigned by channel
- Display of programmed frequencies and tones for each channel
- Transmit time limiter (TTL)
- Multiple scanning modes
- Large alphanumeric LCD display with back-light
- User friendly
- Self diagnostics
- Small, rugged die-cast construction
- State of the art technology

Battery Installation

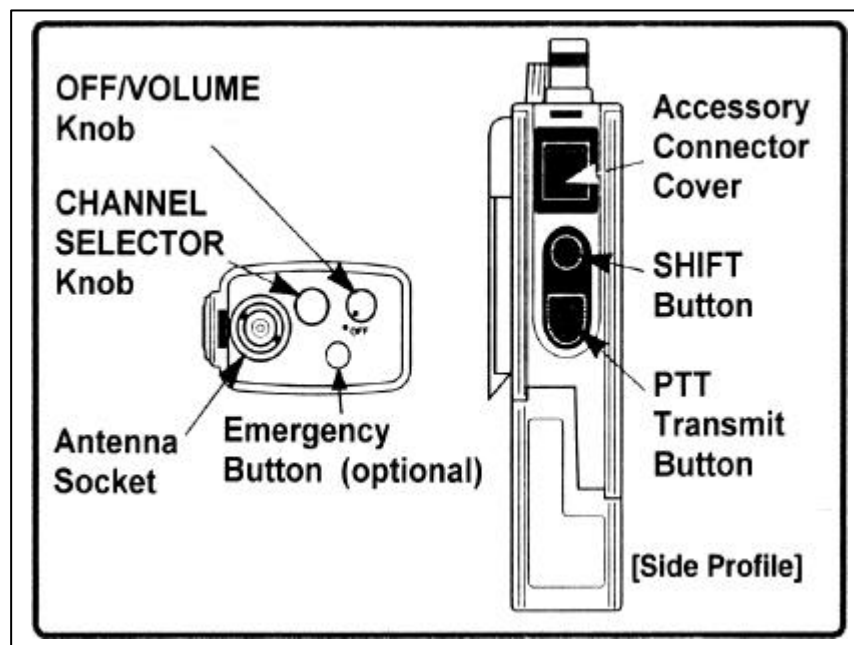
1. Switch off the radio.
2. Hold radio with speaker facing you.
3. Position battery to left of the radio.
4. Place battery into the groove at the bottom of the radio.
5. Slide the battery to the right until it "clicks" into place.

Battery Removal

1. Switch off the radio.
2. Push the battery latch upward and slide the battery to the left.



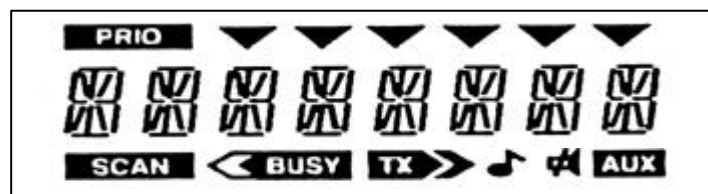
Basic Operation



OFF / VOLUME

Switch the radio on by rotating the VOLUME knob clockwise $\frac{1}{2}$ turn. The volume may be adjusted later when you receive a message.

Depending on program, the display may momentarily show all characters and icons, then show the normal channel display. The function of each display icon will be discussed as we cover the operation and features. You may refer to this drawing as you read the text.



Selecting the Channel

Select the desired channel by rotating the CHANNEL SELECTOR knob. The channel number will appear in the display. Either **1** or **CH-1** may appear depending on other program features used. If using CHANNEL NAME, the name will appear after a short time.

The channel may also be selected by pressing **C** on the keypad and entering the channel number. Example: **C 1 2 C** will select channel 12. If the final **C** is not entered, the radio will wait for two seconds for the next digit, then switch to the selected channel.

Squelch

Locate the SHIFT (FUNCTION) button on the left side of the radio. This is the round button just below the accessory connector. When the SHIFT button is pressed, the CHANNEL SELECT knob becomes


the SQUELCH control. Press and hold the SHIFT button while turning the CHANNEL SELECT knob. The display will show **SQ-0** through **SQ-7**.

At **SQ-0**, the squelch will be open and the **BUSY** icon will be displayed. If the radio is not equipped with a decoder, noise will be heard in the speaker. Rotate the CHANNEL knob until the **BUSY** icon goes away (usually at SQ-3 or SQ-4). This is the most sensitive setting for the squelch. If the squelch is set to a higher number, you may miss weaker transmissions. If you hear occasional noise bursts in the speaker, set the squelch to a higher number.

Monitoring the Channel

If the channel is in use, the **BUSY** icon will be displayed. You should not transmit until the channel is clear. The exception to this is when you are communicating through a repeater. In this case, the repeater will remain on the air for several seconds after the other party has finished speaking. You should begin speaking immediately even though the **BUSY** icon is still displayed.

If you are not using any type of decoder, you will be able to hear the all signals on the channel.

If a decode function is in use such as CTCSS, DCS or Selective Call, a small **MUTE** icon  will appear in the lower right of the display next to the **LB** indicator, and the audio will be muted when another user (outside of your system) is on the channel. If you wish to listen to this transmission, you may disable your decoder by pressing *. This will toggle the decoder ON/OFF causing the **MUTE** icon and the speaker to switch on and off.

Transmitting

To transmit, press the lower button on the left side of the radio. This is the PTT (Push To Talk) button. The **TX** icon will appear in the display. **TX** alone indicates low power; **TX>** indicates high power. Press the button in while holding the speaker grille 5 to 8 cm from your lips and speak in a normal voice. When finished speaking, release the button. Keep your messages short and to the point. This will assure the maximum battery life.

A common mistake is to begin speaking before pressing the PTT button. This may cause the first word of your message to be deleted. It is recommended that you press the button, then wait one second before speaking. This is especially important when using a repeater or ANI tone signaling.

Please review the safety information at the beginning of this manual to avoid endangering yourself and others.

Using SCAN

The radio has two types of scanning, "All Scan" and "Program Scan". Each of these has a "Busy" mode and a "Priority" mode of operation.

In all of the scan modes, when a call is received, the radio will pause on the active channel for a few seconds after the end of the message. This feature allows the listener to hear any reply to the message before the radio begins to scan again. During this pause, you may transmit to answer a call without leaving the scan mode. If you wait until the radio again begins to scan, you cannot transmit without first exiting the scan mode and selecting the proper channel.

To delete a channel from the scan list, press **SHIFT *** for two seconds when the radio stops on that channel. To restore all deleted channels, press **SHIFT A** for two seconds or exit the scan mode.

During programming, a HIGH and LOW priority channel is entered for both the All Scan and Program Scan modes. These may be a different pair of channels for each mode.

All Scan: This mode is selected by pressing **SHIFT #**. The display will show **BY--AL--SC**. This means Busy All Scan. The **SCAN** icon will be displayed. The radio will now scan all channels and stop on any that are busy. To exit this mode, press **#**.

Priority All Scan: This mode is selected by pressing the **SHIFT #**, then pressing **SHIFT 9**. The display will show **PR--AL--SC**. This means Priority All Scan. The **PRIO** and the **SCAN** icons will be displayed. The radio will now scan all channels and stop on any that are busy. While listening to this channel, it will also monitor HIGH and LOW priority channels selected during programming. If a signal appears on the LOW priority channel, the radio will immediately switch to that channel. Also, while listening to the LOW priority channel, the radio will continue to monitor the HIGH priority channel. If a signal appears there, it will immediately switch to that channel. To exit this mode, press **#**.

When the radio is in either All Scan mode, pressing the PTT will automatically switch the radio to the All Scan HIGH priority channel and remain there during the transmission and for several seconds after. This allows the operator to send a message without exiting the scan mode.

Program Scan: This mode is selected by pressing the **#** (no SHIFT). The display will show **BY--PR--SC**. This means Busy Program Scan. The **SCAN** icon will be displayed. The radio will now scan all channels that were selected for scanning during programming and stop on any that are busy. To exit this mode, press **#**.

Priority Program Scan: This mode is selected by pressing the **#** (no SHIFT), then pressing **SHIFT 9**. The display will show **PR--PG--SC**. This means Priority Program Scan. The **PRIO** and the **SCAN** icons will be displayed. The radio will now scan all channels that were selected for scanning during programming and stop on any that are busy. While listening to this channel, it will also monitor HIGH and LOW priority channels selected during programming. If a signal appears on the LOW priority channel, the radio will immediately switch to that channel. Also, while listening to the LOW priority channel, the radio will continue to monitor the HIGH priority channel. If a signal appears there, it will immediately switch to that channel. To exit this mode, press **#**.

When the radio is in either Program Scan mode, pressing the PTT will automatically switch the radio to the Program Scan HIGH priority channel and remain there during the transmission and for several seconds after. This permits the operator to send a message on the priority channel without exiting the scan mode.

Priority Channel Instant Select

When in normal non-scan operation, the user may immediately switch to the All Scan HIGH Priority channel by pressing **SHIFT B**. Pressing **SHIFT B** again will select the All Scan LOW Priority channel. Repeated pressing will toggle between the two channels.

To switch to the Program Scan HIGH Priority channel by press **B**. Pressing **B** again will select the Program Scan LOW Priority channel. Repeated pressing will toggle between the two channels.

Advanced Features

Your new Model KG209 contains many advanced features that may be used to suit your individual system needs. Some are available at all times while others are programmable as needed. The more commonly used features will be discussed here. All features are discussed in detail in the Programming Manual.

Channel Name

During programming, each channel may be assigned a name to assist the operator in channel selection. For example, channel 1 may be REPEAT, channel 2 may be POLICE, channel 3 may be

PRIVATE, etc. When the channel is selected, the actual channel number will appear in the display. After a short time, the channel name will appear. Up to 8 alphanumeric characters may be used.

Note that the radio normally is capable of up to 200 channels. If the Channel Name feature is used, only 100 channels may be programmed due to the additional memory requirements.

Low-Battery Indicator

An **LB** icon in the lower right of the display will appear when the battery is nearing the end of charge. If another battery is not available, the radio should be switched to LO power (**SHIFT 2**) and transmissions limited. The battery must be recharged as soon as possible. Refer to the section on Notes on Battery Life for more information.

Transmit Time Limiter (TTL)

This feature limits the length of each transmission to a pre-programmed time (5 to 255 sec.). This prevents long transmissions, either accidental or intentional. If the time limit is exceeded, the radio will return to the receive mode and stop transmitting. The operator must release the PTT button for five seconds before he can resume transmitting.

Alert Tones

The radio may be programmed to emit a beep at the beginning of each transmission, the end, or both. This will alert the operator that he has begun and/or ended his transmission. Tones may also be programmed to signal when numbers are entered on the keypad. For covert operation, this feature should not be used.

Power-off Timer

If this program feature is used, the radio will automatically turn off after a programmed length of time (1 to 15 hours). This will prevent the battery from going dead when the radio is not in use. When the radio turns off, the display will show **PW OFF**. To return to normal operation, turn the radio OFF, then ON.


Transmit Inhibit

During programming, different conditions may be selected to prevent transmitting, such as: channel is busy, improper CTCSS tone, etc. If the selected condition exists, the radio will not transmit and you may hear a beep when you press the PTT button.

Voice Scrambler

This feature may be programmed for any channel or channels. It scrambles the voice so that it cannot be understood by another radio unless it also has the scramble feature. If added to just a few radios in the group, it will permit private communications between those few. Others in the group will not understand the messages. This feature is useful for police and military operations.

ANI (Automatic Number Identification)

If this feature is programmed, the radio will transmit a unique ANI number each time the PTT button is pressed. This number may be sent at the beginning of the transmission, at the end or the transmission, or both. When the number is being sent, a small music note icon  will appear in the lower right of the display. If this appears at the beginning of the transmission, your voice will be covered by the tones and will not be heard by others. You should practice pressing the PTT and waiting for one second before beginning to speak.

With proper display equipment, the operator at the control point will know which radio is transmitting.

Emergency Alarm

If this feature is programmed, the radio will be capable of sending an alarm when the user is in danger or injured. For this function, the radio may be equipped with a small momentary push-button on the top panel. When activated, the radio will transmit the radio Emergency ANI, then remain in the transmit mode for a period of time. This is followed by a period on silence (no transmit). During the time the transmitter is activated, the microphone is active so that other users may monitor. For example, if the user is captured, he may activate the alarm and give the listeners a clue to his location. If programmed to do so, the radio will send a beep—beep—beep sound as an audible alert during the transmit period.

With proper display equipment, the operator at the control point will know which radio is transmitting and that an emergency exists.

Kill Mode

If this feature is programmed, the radio may be disabled or “killed” by another operator in the system that knows the proper “kill code”. This feature may be used if the radio is stolen or lost. The radio must be turned on and the kill code must be sent on the selected channel. When the kill code is properly received, the radio will answer back (transpond) with its ANI number, then become disabled. The display will show **F**.

After entering the KILL MODE, the radio is totally disabled and must be returned to a service center for reprogramming.

User Password (ID Number)

If this feature is programmed, the user must enter the proper ID number (up to 6 digits) before the radio will operate. Upon switching on the radio, the display will show **PLS ID** (please identify). The operator must press * to clear the display, then enter his password. If the correct number is not entered in a certain number of attempts, the radio will enter a disabled, KILL MODE and must be returned to a service center for reprogramming.

Selective Call Operation (selcall)

Selective call may be used to call individual or groups of users within the system. Each radio is assigned a specific “phone number”. The radios are normally muted until their specific number is called. Using letters (A, B, C, D) as the first digit is not recommended as it complicates digit entry.

The radio supports DTMF and 5-Tone, encode and decode formats. Before using selective call, it may be necessary to first select the proper tone format by pressing **SHIFT 0** for 2 seconds.


Placing a call

In DTMF mode, digits are transmitted as they are entered. Only digits 1 through 9, 0 and A may be used as the first digit. Other keys have specific functions when entered alone. After the first digit, any of the 16 digits may be used. If the digits are entered quickly with equal timing, the called radio may respond (send an acknowledge tone) after the number is entered. However, if there are pauses or long tones in the manual entry, press **SHIFT D** to send the number again. A music note 🎵 will appear in the display indicating that the tones are being sent. To redial, press **D**. If the call is received, the called radio will answer back (transpond) with a short tone, then “ring” several times to signal the operator. That operator may then answer the call.

In 5-Tone mode, enter the digits in the field indicated in the display. A pointer at the top of the display will indicate the active digit field. To clear the display, hold the SHIFT key and press the PTT. However, it is not necessary to clear the display. New numbers entered will replace existing digits. Only digits 1 through 9, 0 and A may be used as the first digit. Other keys have specific functions

when entered alone. When entering digits, the pointer will advance automatically as numbers are entered or it may be advanced during entry using the CHANNEL SELECT knob. To include B, C, D in the sequence, hold SHIFT, then press the desired digit.

Note that the character D may be entered as part of the sequence but not as a first digit because this is used as the redial function.

After number is entered, press **D** (no SHIFT) to send the number. A music note  will appear in the display indicating that the tones are being sent. If the call is received, the called radio will answer back (transpond) with a short tone, then “ring” several times to signal the operator. That operator may then answer the call. If the operator receives the call but does not answer, you may redial by again pressing D.

Receiving a Call

If another party calls you, your decoder will unmute the speaker and the radio will “ring” several times. To answer, press the PTT button and speak. The decoder will automatically reset after a short time.

In 5Tone systems, the radio may be programmed to display the identity of the caller. Refer to the Programming Instructions for more detailed information.

Special Keypad Functions

The main function of the keypad is to enter numbers for selective calling. This feature was discussed previously. Pressing keypad buttons while holding the SHIFT key may perform various other operations. For some functions, the SHIFT is not required.

Firmware Identification

If the SHIFT is held when the radio is turned on, the display will indicate the firmware used in the radio. This information is necessary for the programmer to select the correct programming software.

SHIFT 1 Display Back-Light

Turns on display back-light for 10 sec.

If pressed again before time-out, light will go off.

SHIFT 2 High/Low Power Selection

If enabled during programming, selects HIGH or LOW power, usually 5 W or 1 W, unless radio has been readjusted from factory settings. When on HIGH power, a > icon will appear in the lower edge of the display to the right of the TX indicator.

SHIFT 3 Select Call Number Memory

Selects the Encode Memory Register which is used for selective calling. Frequently called numbers may be stored here during programming. To recall a number, press SHIFT 3, then rotate the CHANNEL knob. Each number will be displayed in sequence. To send the displayed number, press **D**. A music note will appear in the lower edge of the display to the right of the TX icon while the tones are being transmitted.

SHIFT 4 Single Tone Function

Turns the SINGLE TONE function ON or OFF.

SHIFT 5 Transfer Mode (Call Forwarding)

Toggles the Transfer Mode ON or OFF. Upon receipt and decoding of a valid number, this feature allows the radio to transmit a calling number on the same or different channel (see programming manual).

SHIFT 6 Kill Password

Permits entry of a password to use the KILL function. This function allows the user to disable (kill) another radio by sending that radio its proper kill code.

SHIFT 7 Information Display

If enabled during programming, displays program data such as channel frequency and tones.

SHIFT 8 Keypad Lock

Turns the KEY LOCK feature ON or OFF. When ON, certain keypad and control functions are locked out. This may be used to prevent inadvertently sending tones or switching channels. Variations of operation may be selected during programming.

SHIFT 9 Scan Mode Select

Selects either the BUSY scan or the PRIORITY scan modes. If PRIORITY is selected, **PRIO** will appear in the upper left of the display and the radio will monitor the HIGH and LOW priority channels selected during programming (see "Using Scan").

Note: Radio must first be placed into one of the scan mode (see below).

SHIFT * Digital Encryption

Turns the Digital Encryption feature (if so equipped) ON or OFF

SHIFT * Delete Channel from Scan List

When operating in the scan mode, pressing **SHIFT *** for two seconds will delete the channel currently being received from the scan list. Pressing **SHIFT A** for two seconds will restore all deleted channels.

*** (no SHIFT) PIN entry or MUTE**

If the radio has been programmed to require a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for operation, the * must be entered before entering the PIN. This will be requested upon turning on the radio. This display will show **PLS ID**.

In normal operation, the * is used as a MUTE key in selcall systems to switch the speaker ON or OFF.

SHIFT 0 DTMF / 5Tone select

When pressed and held for 2 seconds, toggles tone format from DTMF to 5-Tone.

SHIFT # ALL SCAN Select

Turns the ALL SCAN mode ON or OFF. This mode scans all channels in the radio. The display will show **BY-AL-SC** indicating that the radio is scanning all channels (see "Using Scan").

(no SHIFT) PROGRAM SCAN Select

Turns the PROGRAM SCAN mode ON or OFF. The display will show **BY-PG-SC** indicating that the radio is scanning all channels that were selected for scan during programming (see "Using Scan").

SHIFT, A Restore Channels Deleted from Scan List

See SHIFT * above, restores all channels deleted from the scan list.

SHIFT B Priority Channel Select

Instantly selects one of the ALL SCAN Priority Channels specified during programming. Repeated pressing toggles between HIGH and LOW priority.

B (no SHIFT) Priority Channel Select

Instantly selects one of the PGM SCAN Priority Channels specified during programming. Repeated pressing toggles between HIGH and LOW priority.

SHIFT C DTMF Clear

Clears any new DTMF number that may have been entered in error. Example, if the desired number is 12345 and you have entered 13345, press SHIFT C, which erases 13345, then enter the correct number 12345.

C (no SHIFT) Instant Channel Selection

C followed by keypad entry of a channel number followed by **C** again will instantly select that channel. This feature is helpful for users who use a large number of channels. Example: **C 1 2 C** will select channel 12. The display will flash the new channel several times before switching. If an unused channel is selected, the radio will BEEP and return to the original channel. If the final **C** is not entered, the radio will wait for two seconds, then switch to the selected channel.

SHIFT D

In DTMF Mode. sends sequence of DTMF digits immediately after entry.

In 5Tone mode, sends R (repeat) tone in 5Tone sequence.

D (no SHIFT) Send 5Tone) or Redial (DTMF)

In 5Tone mode, sends or redials displayed sequence entered by keypad. If sequence is selected from memory (see SHIFT 3), it is sent only one time, then the radio reverts to the previously displayed digits.

In DTMF mode, redials the previously sent digits after first sending with SHIFT D (see above). If D is pressed while entering a sequence, the radio accepts it as part of the sequence.

Notes on Battery Life

The radio is designed to provide a minimum of 8 to 10 hours of operation at a duty cycle of 5% transmit, 5% receive and 90% stand-by. With the latest high capacity cells and advanced technology, battery life between charges will increase. These advancements are made available as standard product. Larger, high-capacity batteries are available as an option. The length of time you can operate the radio between battery charges depends on your individual use of the radio. If you are constantly receiving and transmitting messages, the battery will require frequent recharges. If the radio is used only occasionally, the battery will last much longer.

Chargers are available for both trickle (16 hours) and rapid charge (one to two hours).

The radio may be programmed to allow you to switch to low power (**SHIFT 2**). When operating at close range to other hand-held radios or when you are within 2 to 4 kilometers from the base station or repeater, you may use low power. Also, if you frequently use the radio for short distance communications, you may program a separate channel at low power for this application. This will greatly increase battery life.

A small **LB** (Low Battery) icon will appear in the lower right of the display when the battery is ready for recharge. You may be able to continue to operate for a short time by switching to low power (**SHIFT 2**).

During the first few weeks of normal operation, you should note the length of time the radio operates without a recharge. Based on this experience, you should plan to recharge the radio as necessary to provide the required service. It may be necessary to carry a spare, fully charged battery with you. Another option is to use an optional accessory vehicle adapter that permits operation and recharging of the battery while in a vehicle. Do not allow the spare battery to come into contact with keys, coins, etc. This may short it out causing it to discharge or overheat.

The battery should not be recharged until it is fully discharged (the radio no longer operates). Do not attempt to recharge the battery if it is very cold or very hot. This may cause damage.

Do not keep the battery in the charger continuously. When fully charged, remove the battery from the charger and put it into service.

You may notice slightly reduced battery life when operating at low temperatures (below 0 C). This is normal as battery efficiency is reduced at low temperatures..

The radio has a "battery saver" feature that turns off unnecessary circuits when the radio is not busy. This extends the life of the battery.

Use of the SCAN feature keeps the radio in a "ready" status at all times and results in shorter battery life. You should use SCAN only when necessary.

As the battery ages (one year or more) you may experience shorter life between charges. The actual life will depend on the total number of charge/recharge cycles and the care given to the battery.